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# The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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## Next meeting – Monday 1 December 2008

AGM – Election of 2009-10 Board  
 Job talk – Tony Makin

## Next meeting – Monday 8 December 2008

Great Aussie Joke Night + Caitlin Trumm blazer presentation + New Member Inductions  
 Job talk – Gino Savio

### Duty Roster

This week – Monday 1 December 2008		Next meeting – Monday 8 December 2008	
<b>Chairman</b>	Keith Ball	<b>Chairman</b>	Jim Simpson
<b>Night Reporter</b>	Colin Baxter	<b>Night Reporter</b>	Brian Furrer
<b>Front Desk</b>	Pierre Tennant	<b>Front Desk</b>	Stan Baseley
<b>Front Desk</b>	David Turnbull	<b>Front Desk</b>	Tim Bickford
<b>Steward</b>	Barry Lambert	<b>Steward</b>	Bob Davison
<b>Steward</b>	Tony Makin	<b>Steward</b>	Colin Wright

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### From the President's Pen



This calendar year is fast drawing to an end which means that I have only the second half of my term to do. Thanks to the support of all the members it has been a rewarding experience. The club has achieved a lot in this first 6 months with three of our major fund raisers

behind us and our wine sales have brought a better than expected result so congratulations to those who helped organise and do all the labeling etc. I won't mention names as there have been a lot of people involved. And thanks to those who supported it by purchasing their supplies.

There are some new things happening:

1. We will be sponsoring Jennifer Turner to participate in a program with 'Youth Challenge Australia'. She will be traveling to Guyana in South America to do

### Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural

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**APOLOGIES :** If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must book them in. Phone **9439 1422 before 11am** on the day of the meeting.

humanitarian work. We will be holding a fund raising night on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, which will be in the form of a BBQ at a venue to be decided. Jennifer will be able to tell us all about what she is going to be doing.

2. We have been approached by Bunnings Dural to form 'A friends of Warrah' support group along with other service clubs, businesses etc. There is a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at 20 Harris Rd Dural. We will be shown the Warrah centre and see what their needs are. If you would like to go along and attend that meeting please let me know.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we have invited a few of the other clubs who meet on Monday night to attend our club. I have had positive responses now from 3 clubs so we will be able to have some good fellowship and listen to a good guest speaker.

So, enjoy the rest of this calendar year as we enter the festive season and, have a thought for some of our mates who are doing it tough. Cheers  
This week's thought.

"Don't let the best you have done so far be the standard for the rest of your life"  
Gustavus F. Swift (1839-1903)  
American meat industry magnet

#### At our last meeting - Monday 24 November

President Tim welcomed our guests who included Warwick Randall, the President of Berowra Rotary & chairman of Rypen, our guest speaker Evan Burrell and his wife Barbara, our outgoing Exchange student Caitlin Trumm & her Mum



plus two exchange students from Denmark.

Héloise gave a short account of her activities which included a weekend away for both Inbound & outbound exchange students at the Namaroo centre, Lane Cove. Caitlin Trumm had also attended and said that there was a lot of focus on the 4 d's they are not allowed to drink, drive do drugs or date (one person). She gave us the student's versions of the 4ds She also said the luggage allowance of 22kgs would be a challenge for many of the students as they had taken 15 to 16kgs for a single weekend!!

Warwick Randall gave a short presentation on Rypen. ( Rotary youth enrichment programme) which is pitched at students at the end of year 10. About 60 'average students with potential' participate in a weekends activities which include a wide range of physical, team building & thought provoking activities. Warwick also explained that most of the organisation of the course material & delivery was done by a mixture of a committed group of young leaders many of them ex-RYLA and that the Collaroy Centre has a range of facilitators who supervise the physical activities.



Evan Burrell (Left) Pictured with Warwick Randall

The Rotary Club of Berowra has been coordinating the programme for the last three years and believes it is time to "pass the baton" to another club. Warwick briefly explained that the main activity for the organising club was one of co-ordination and communication, particularly communication with the 60 odd clubs in our district to ensure that Rypen is included in their Youth activities and that we achieve 60 paid up participants in a timely manner. He indicated that a Chairman, a Registrar & a small committee of perhaps 2 is required with some additional assistance in Oct / Nov for a phone around of the clubs. Clive Denmark is going to attend meetings leading up to this year's course & accompany Warwick to the opening & closing sessions of the course &

Warwick has offered to assist us in our 1<sup>st</sup> 12 months if the club agrees to take it on.

Caitlin, as a Rypen attendee 2 years ago, offered to give a student's perspective and was very supportive of the course saying that she would gladly go again tomorrow. It still enthuses her to the extent that it was a major influence in her becoming an outgoing exchange student.

Larry then introduced Evan Burrell, the guest speaker for the evening. Evan is a past District Chairman of Rotaract and participated in a Group Study Exchange to New Jersey earlier in the year. The majority of the Group were finance orientated but Evan has a horticultural background and manages Parks & Gardens for North Sydney Council. Evan gave us a fascinating insight in to the GSE trip which involved 32000 kms in the air & 4000kms on the road. They had seven different host families, attended 10 Rotary clubs, 27 functions, 40 vocational visits & 30 cultural activities. On a lighter note he said they had lots of food, beer & saw a lot of squirrels.

There was a wide range & diversity of locations, size of clubs & activities. Some clubs in smaller communities had as few as 15 members whilst one had nearly 100. (the Rotary Club of Moorestown that was formed in 1682) They attended a district convention but also Wall St & Arlington Cemetery. They saw some very modern high techs sites but also some major historical sites from the war of independence

Evan concluded by saying that he went on post exchange visits to Washington DC, San Francisco & Los Angeles. He said the whole experience was amazing giving him some useful vocational experiences & contacts but also that he gained exposure to the international aspects of Rotary & a gained lot in personal development.

It was confirmed that the two Rypen candidates to be sponsored by our club had been booked in and the treasurer agreed to draw up a cheque for a total of \$520 on the night

Sergeant Pru then organised the Raffle (won by Michael Mahoney), Head & Tails & a spirited fines session.

Night reporter - Clive Denmark



President Tim pictured with Evan Burrell



Tim getting the hard sell from Warwick Randell

Photos courtesy of Ross Ballinger

### International Project Sola Hospital, Vanuatu

As previously mentioned, our Club will engage in two (or possibly three) sub projects of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Services) project No 125/2004:

"Construction of a 22 bed hospital consisting of three wards, operating theatre, eye clinic, emergency ward, isolation ward, Administration Office, and associated services, pathology, ante/pre natal, delivery ward and a maintenance building on Sola Vanualava. This project is fully funded by the Vanuatu Government."

**Sub-Project description: Sola Hospital Services** The hospital wards have been constructed. Our sub projects will be:

1. install plumbing (supply and drainage) in the two ward buildings. Team of 4-5.

2. electrical fit out of the two ward buildings and electrical refit of the established clinic building. Team of 4-5.
3. Pour concrete floors for two accommodation buildings. This sub project is optional, subject to having sufficient volunteers. Team of ?? (many ☺)

At this stage I am asking for members (and partners and friends of Rotary) to express interest as volunteers. We need someone with plumbing experience, and someone with forming and concreting experience. The majority of the plumbing and electrical is relatively light work not requiring prior experience – this should suit most members and partners. The concreting project will involve more physical exertion for those interested in a bit of a workout. We hope to have some local resident participation.

The proposed timing is as follows. Teams 1 & 2 will leave Sydney on 20th May 2009. On route we will have a night in Port Villa, and one in Luganville to visit our Sister Club of Santo (assuming this relationship is formed... a separate project I am working on.... More on that later). Seven nights in Sola will provide six days working on the projects. More time in Sola if required. Returning to Sydney will be at your own pace. There are several resorts in Port Villa for those interested in a holiday. Team 3 will be a week later. (Note, on the map, Sola is on VanuaLava).



Each volunteer will need to make a \$1,780 donation (tax deductible) to RAWCS who meet the costs of travel,

accommodation, meals and a badged shirt. The photo is of the guest house where we stay in Sola.



Do you want to experience Vanuatu, have fun with a great group of people, and do something worthwhile for VanuaLava? If you are (slightly) interested contact Bob Davison ([bobd@au1.ibm.com](mailto:bobd@au1.ibm.com)) and be on the team.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries



#### Anniversaries



Friday 5 Dec – Kay and Pierre Tennant



#### Birthdays



Wednesday 3 Dec – Bob Davison  
Sunday 7 Dec – Gwen Baxter

### Rotary Information

#### Rotary Donor Recognition Totals (31 October 2008)

Arch C Klumph Society Members	219
Major Donors	10484
Bequest Society	6243
Benefactors	78487
Paul Harris Fellows	1139841

#### Rotary At A Glance (As at 31 March)

Members:	1,226,067
Clubs:	32,980
Rotaract Members:	164,795
Clubs:	7,165

Past Governor Larry Jacka  
Rotary Information Officer

## Foundation Facts

As is always the case this week's Foundation Fact is provided as a reminder to all of us that the Foundation is the primary way in which we are involved in the Fourth Avenue of Service, International.

A 92-year-old Taiwanese Rotarian with more than 40 years service to his club has been honored for his family's donation of more than \$1 million to further Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Shui-Sen Hsu, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei Northwest, and his wife, Pei-Tsen, were recognized for their contribution, made by the Hsu Family Foundation, during the 2008 Rotary Institute for RI Zones 4B, 6B, and 7B in Taipei on 18 October. RI President Dong Kurn Lee and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan B. Majiyagbe presented Hsu and his wife with a crystal piece in recognition of their contribution in support of Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge during the institute, held 17-19 October and attended by more than 1,100 Rotarians from 16 Rotary countries and geographical areas in Asia



## Centurion Corner

The Club total of Centurions now stands at 20. Lets make sure the momentum does not slacken; becoming a Centurion remains the easiest and the most affordable way to ensure that the Foundation survives. It will also give you great satisfaction in knowing that your \$100 will do fantastic things. I repeat that Current members will be receiving reminder notices from District. Don't panic, there is no emergency, see me with your renewal. Please assist in maintaining the good work of the Foundation. A donation of AUD\$100, which is fully tax deductible is all that is required. Your recently issued Foundation Money Boxes can be used for this. Fill your boxes and give to the Treasurer. He will lodge it with the Club until you reach the full figure.

Winston Churchill once said "We make a living by what we GET. We make a life by what we GIVE".



## Permanent Ponderings

I remain in waiting for an enquiry. I will, however, continue my push because it is important to the Foundation. The Permanent Fund is to Secure Tomorrow. It is Rotary's endowment. The principal is never spent, and a proportion of the earnings are directed toward Foundation programs. Donations can be outright gifts, securities, bequests, or life-income agreements. All I seek is the Bequests, where you can make a contribution to the Foundation. Come and see me.

PDG Larry Jacka  
Foundation Chairman

## Japanese told to have more kids

Keidanren Tells Japan's Salarymen to Work Less, Have More Kids By Megumi Yamanaka

Nov. 21 (Bloomberg) -- Keidanren, Japan's biggest business organisation, is worried the nation's workers aren't having enough sex.

The group urged its 1,632 member companies to start so-called family weeks that give employees more time for playing with the kids and having more children to reverse a declining birth rate. A survey by Japan's Family Planning Association of about 3,000 married people under age 49 shows couples are having less sex because long work days leave them with too little energy.

In a country where people over 65 will outnumber children two-to-one in five years, companies say they eventually won't have enough workers. Japan's birth rate has been falling since 1972 and threatens to shrink the labour force 16 percent by 2030 from 66.6 million workers in 2006, according to the health ministry.

``You must go home early," [Nippon Oil Corp.](#) President [Shinji Nishio](#) told staff in a speech for the company's two-week family campaign, which ends Nov. 22. ``The dwindling birth rate and the aging

population, along with the responsibility of educating the next generation -- these aren't just somebody else's problem. We expect all workers' active participation."

At Nippon Oil, Japan's largest refiner, staffers have been forbidden to work on weekends and must get permission to stay past 7 p.m. Textile maker [Toray Industries Inc.](#) and [All Nippon Airways Co.](#) also hold family weeks this month.

Each evening at 8 p.m. at Nippon Oil's Tokyo headquarters, the tune "When You Wish Upon a Star" blares from loudspeakers. The theme song from Walt Disney Co.'s 1940 movie "Pinocchio," about a puppet that wanted to be human, is meant to pull at workers' heartstrings and remind them they should be home with the people they love, said Takefumi Koga, group manager of labor relations.

Drinking Sessions- Colleagues took advantage of the extra time off to arrange after-work drinking sessions, but Koga, 45, the father of two girls, said he managed to rebuff the invitations and go home to his family in the suburbs of Tokyo. When he unexpectedly turned up for dinner, his daughter asked him if he was unwell.

"My family and myself felt awkward at first, but it's nice to spend the time together," Koga said. "But I can't go home earlier every day."

Spending more time at home may make some white-collar workers, known as salarymen, uneasy in a country where long days and short holidays are the norm. Japan's average work week in 2006 was the third-longest among industrialized countries after South Korea and the U.S., according to the [International Labor Organization](#), the United Nations agency based in Geneva.

Workers opted to take less than half of their paid vacation last year, averaging just 8.3 days, according to the labor ministry. The word "karoshi" has entered the vocabulary to describe the phenomenon of death from overwork.

Tired and Bored - "It's a tough challenge for workers, especially the middle-aged ones who have been taught industriousness is the most important virtue," said Dr. [Kunio Kitamura](#), chairman of the Family Planning Association, who gave details of the survey on married couples at a conference last week. "Going home earlier, if they can put it into action, is a way to fix the declining birth rate."

Japanese couples are giving up on sex, according to the report, which will be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Welfare next year.

Of the married couples surveyed in 2008, 36.5 percent hadn't had sex in the previous month, up from 34.6 percent in 2006 and 31.9 percent in 2004, Kitamura said. The couples complained they were too tired from their jobs, or that sex is "boring."

"The advice for sexless couples is to spend more time together," Kitamura said. "Just being around, even watching TV in the same room, would be a good start."

Labor Pains - The country's birth rate, the average number of children a woman has during her lifetime, started falling in 1972, and stood at 1.34 in 2007, well below the 2.07 required for a stable population, according to the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research.

"People are the country's resource," said Rie Sako, deputy manager of the Tokyo-based National Quality of Life Group that promotes the family weeks at the Keidanren business lobby. "To sustain our standard of living it's important to stem the contraction in population."

Family weeks are only a first step, Sako said. Leaders of Japanese companies need to get behind efforts to reduce hours throughout the year.

At Nippon Oil, family weeks are just one of the measures the company has introduced to try to reduce overtime, in part to decrease costs and improve [efficiency](#). In October last year the company started a "Sayonara Overwork" campaign, and posted signs in offices listing eight ways to go home earlier.

Like his colleague Koga, Risuke Shimizu, 37, a Nippon Oil spokesman, has had to resist the temptation to drop by a bar instead of going straight home during family weeks, he said. Normally he gets back so late his two young children are already asleep.

``They came to the front door to welcome me home when I came back earlier during the weeks," he said.  
``It's quite good."

Contributed by Ross Ballinger

**Some thoughts for the day**

**Arguing**

Be sure when arguing with a stupid person he isn't doing the same.

**Bad Driver**

A bad driver is the person you run into.

**Brat**

A child who acts like your own but belongs to someone else.

**Childish Games**

Childish games are those at which your wife beats you.

**Gambling**

A great way for getting nothing for something.

**House warming**

House warming is the last call for wedding presents.

**Junk**

Junk is the stuff we throw away. Stuff is the junk we keep.

**Snoring**

Why is it that the loudest snorer is always the first one to go to sleep ?

**Sound thinker**

A sound thinker is someone whose opinions coincide with your own.

<b>Club Programme 2008/2009</b>				26.11.08
<b>Dec-08</b>		<b>December Activity- Family</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	1	AGM – Election of 2009/10 Board TBA		Tim Bowland
Sat	6	Sausage Sizzle- Bunnings Dural		Graham Cuthbertson
Mon	8	Great Aussie Joke Night + Caitlin Trumm blazer presentation + inductions	<b>Yes</b>	Jim Simpson
Mon	15	Christmas Meeting		Peter Garnett
Tue	16	Club Board Meeting		Tim Bowland
Mon	22	No Meeting		
Mon	29	No Meeting		
<b>Jan-09</b>		<b>January Activity- Rotary Awareness</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	5	No meeting- Australia Day- Informal BBQ at Graham Evans BYO 5.30 for 6pm	<b>Yes</b>	Graham Evans
Mon	12	Meeting		
Mon	19	Club Assembly		Tim Bowland
Tue	20	Club Board Meeting		Tim Bowland
Mon	26	No Meeting -Australia Day		
<b>Feb-09</b>		<b>February Activity- World Understanding</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Organiser/Contact</b>
Mon	2	Roz Baker- "Believe in Miracles"- Contemporary Author and Bush Poet (from Forster) ( <a href="http://www.rozbaker.bigpondhosting.com">www.rozbaker.bigpondhosting.com</a> )	<b>Yes</b>	TBA
Fri-Sun	6th- 8th	Heloise's Kosciusko Walk (u r invited)		Graham Cuthbertson
Sat	7	Concert at Zoo- date to be confirmed by PG	<b>Yes</b>	Peter Garnett
Mon	9	Basil Williams- Prostrate Cancer Ambassador		
Mon	16	Youth Night TBA + Ngairé Ralph presentation on return from Sweden	<b>Yes</b>	Clive Denmark
Tue	17	Club Board Meeting		Tim Bowland
Mon	23	Wine and Cheese Night (Treasurer inspired)	<b>Yes</b>	Graham Coles

Details of the Club program for the remainder of the 2008-2009 year can be found in the Club website  
[www.wphcrotary.org](http://www.wphcrotary.org)